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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2007, in the above-identified application, the period of response to which is set to expire on September 19, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is respectfully submitted herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: